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In re Application of :  
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Application No.: 10/550,440 : COMMUNICATION  
PCT No.: PCT/KR2004/000624 :  
Int. Filing Date: 22 March 2004 :  
Priority Date: 22 March 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No.: CO1 :  
For: DISPOSABLE TISSUE AND PRODUCTION :  
APPARATUS THEREOF :

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for consideration of issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

**BACKGROUND**

On 22 March 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/KR2004/000624, which designated the U.S. and claimed a priority date of 22 March 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau on 30 September 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 22 September 2005.

On 22 September 2005, application papers requesting national stage entry in the United States for PCT/KR2004/000624 were submitted by a representative for the applicant from the law firm of Min & Choi. These papers were accompanied by the requisite basic national fee and were assigned U.S. application number 10/550,440.

On 31 May 2006, application papers requesting national stage entry in the United States for PCT/KR2004/000624 were submitted by a representative for the applicant from the law firm of KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP. These papers were accompanied by the requisite basic national fee as well as a grantable petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and were assigned U.S. application number 10/581,331.

On 25 September 2006, in application number 10/550,440, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a NOTIFICATION OF MISSING

REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating, *inter alia*, that an oath or declaration of the inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(h) for filing any of the search fee, the examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of the commencement of the national stage were required.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The submission of two different sets of application papers to enter the national stage in the United States was improper.

#### **CONCLUSION**

A proper response must be filed within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this decision or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the NOTIFICATION mailed 25 September 2006, whichever is longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the NOTIFICATION mailed 25 September 2006 may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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